

Portions of Henry Lunt Journal – 1852

Sunday – February 1st, 1852

Very sharp frost last night. Fine day, north wind. Meeting at 2 o'clock at the East North end of the Fort. I addressed the Congregation on the duties of this mission and the importance of obeying council from the president, after meeting myself and br. Wiley took a walk up the Creek, and to the stone quarry. Held another meeting in the Evening at brother Chatterleys house. As br. Carruthers was writing a letter he requested me to take charge of the meeting which I did. I invited the young brethren to speak in meetings and use the Talents which God had given them and gave a general invitation to the sisters to speak as well as the brethren. A good spirit pervaded the meeting and much good was done. Several Sisters and brethren bore their Testimonies and manifested a determination to go a head in the work of the Lord.

Monday – February 2nd, 1852

Pleasant and fine day. Bro. Wiley and myself worked at house, and putting up fence. Had considerable counsel with Bro. Carruthers, called a meeting in the evening, held in Bro. Chatterley's house. Bro. Carruthers delivered a very appropriate address, desired Bro. Mitchell to engage in prayer after which he proposed that Henry Lunt be his first councillor and John Easton 2nd. He felt that these were dictated to him by the Spirit of God. They were unanimously elected, after which H. Lunt, R. Wiley, Jos. Chatterly were chosen as a committee for public works. I was elected clerk, also Jas. Whittaker, assistant clerk. Bros. Keer and A. Easton were appointed to visit the brethren once a week and see that they attended to family duties.

Monday – February 16th, 1852

All hands worked on the water ditch until noon. I and Bro. Carruthers surveyed out the garden lots in the field for the brethren on the north side of the fort. Commenced raining about two o'clock, and continued all afternoon. Considerable rain fell, water lay on the ground in holes and tracks, which reminded me of wet weather in old England. The Lord be praised for the beautiful distiling showers on this dry and thirsty land. The rain reminded me of being in a house covered with mud as wet dropped on me of a very muddy color, still I did not murmur as I knew many better saints than me had suffered more.

Friday – March 26th, 1852

Delightful morning. Myself and wife took breakfast with our Parowan friends at Bro. Bosnells house, had an excellent breakfast. After breakfast commenced dancing again, and continued until 5 o'clock in the evening. The Parowan friends returned about one o'clock. Spent the afternoon with Father and Mother Whittaker in council together. In the evening I took Bro. Wiley out for a walk and told him I believe it was the will of the

Lord that him and I should part; he consented so to do. Bro. Hulse and Chatterley herded the Cattle.

Sunday – March 28th 1852

Sharp frost, cold south wind. Commenced snowing about 10 o'clock a.m. Stormy at intervals throughout the day. Had a meeting in Bro Bosnell's house at two o'clock. The sacrament was administered. Several of the Brethren spoke. Bro Carruthers read several passages. Some 8 men went up the Canyon to explore for Coal. . . . Another meeting was held in the Evening in Bro Chatterley's house. I and my Wife spent the Evening with Father and Mother Whittaker had a deal of very excellent talk on the principles of Salvation. M. Eaton and A. Rein herded the cattle.

Monday – April 5th, 1852

Delightful fine day. I and Bro. Wiley ploughed Alex. Eastons garden lot for 2 lbs. of tea which Mrs. Wiley had of Mrs. Easton. In the afternoon I and my wife planted some garden seeds. Called a meeting of the brethren in the centre of the fort in the evening about herding the cattle. Bro. Williams agreed to herd and be paid in wheat at tithing prices. Bro. Chatterley came in from Parowan, said that Bishop Lewis and others were coming down to see us tomorrow, and wished for there to be a meeting at 4 P.M. They had been told that the Iron business was standing, and public works not going on &c. These statements I can Testify are altogether false & Untrue. Peace & prosperity is in our Midst.

Tuesday – April 6th, 1852

Twenty-two years today since the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints was first organized with six members. It now numbers not less than sixty thousand, and has been preached in the four quarters of the Earth. I thank my Heavenly Father that I have the honour of being a member, and manifested my faith by my works by leaving my country and all, and gathering to these valleys of the mountains. I pray that I may be faithful unto the end, as a faithful soldier of the Lord. Bishop Lewis, James Lewis, James A. Little, John Steel and Chapman Duncan paid us a visit from Parowan. Had a meeting in Bro. Ross's house in the evening. Were addressed by the Parowan brethren. Commenced ploughing for Father Whittaker.

Wednesday – April 7th 1852

Fine day. Sharp frost. Ploughed for Father Whittaker. Sowed two acres of wheat. Williams commenced herding the Cattle. Spent part of the evening in council with Bro. Carruthers.

Thursday – April 8th 1852

Fine day, but tremendous windy. Ploughed in the morning for father Whittaker. Ploughed a small patch on my garden. Father Whittaker assisted me in planting some

Potatoes & Beets in the afternoon. Williams gave up the herd last evening, he did not inform me of it. This morning I was fetched out of the field to see to sending some one with the herd.

Monday – April 12th 1852

Beautiful fine day. Ploughed for Father Whittaker. Charles C. Rich and a Company of thirteen men from California camped on Cottonwood, a Mr. Kimball took supper with us. In the Evening the Elders quorum meeting was held at Bro Hulse's house. The California brethren gave a very favourable account of the brethren at San Bernadano said that they had sown 1800 acres of wheat and that it was about in the ear now.

Saturday – May 1st, 1852

The day was fine but extremely windy. Furrowed until near 3 o'clock when I went home. Could scarcely see for the dust and it made one's eyes quite sore. Washed and shaved and spent the remainder of the day in reading. Returned home very much fatigued every night this week. It is a very toilsome job to break up new land, and to build new settlements. But I rejoice and am thankful to my Heavenly Father that he deems me worthy of being tried and making "the desert rejoice and blossom as the rose" that the Prophet Isaiah speaks of.

Sunday – May 9th 1852

A few refreshing showers fell in the morning. Afternoon fine. Myself in company with Bro's Carruthers & Wood, Started for Parowan $\frac{1}{4}$ past 9 o'clock a.m. in Bro Woods carriage. Arrived at Parowan at 11 o'clock a.m. attended meeting in the new meeting House very large congregation. Brigham Young Heber C. Kimball Orson Pratt Wilford Woodroof General Wells and some 60 more brethren from the Gt Salt Lake valley were there. Orson Pratt preached his subject was principally upon training up children in the way they should go, instructed the brethren to be united and act with a oneness of spirit. After meeting I had the pleasure of greeting Bro's Brigham Orson Pratt and G A Smith, besides a number of other brethren from the Salt Lake City whom I rejoiced to see, we had a happy meeting, and our souls seemed refreshed in beholding each others faces. I dined sumptuously at John D Lee's together with Brigham Young H. C. Kimble Orson Pratt W. Woodroof G. A. Smith D. H. Wells Bishop Groves Bro Blair besides some 15 more Brethren and sisters. Attended meeting again at two o'clock P.M. Brigham Young and H C Kimball addressed the congregation in their noble and Godlike manner. The saints rejoiced under their Teachings. Returned to Cedar City in the Evening. President Young & Company promised to visit us at Cedar City in the morning.

Monday – May 10th, 1852

Fine day. Brigham Young and Company arrived at Cedar City about 3 o'clock P.M. some 30 waggons. Our little city was all in excitement through so great a number of visitors. I had the following brethren and sisters who I invited, come to our house: George A.

Smith, John L. Smith, Willford Woodroof, Elisha H. Groves, W. A. Morse, P. Meeks, Seth M. Blair, Bro. Farr and sisters Groves and Banks. We enjoyed ourselves together. I called a meeting of all the Brethren and Sisters together in Bro. Carruther's yard. We had a large meeting and were addressed by Brigham Young and G. A. Smith. The principle subject was to make Iron. Spent a very pleasant evening with our visitors. The delightful notes of the Brass Band cheered our hearts with its music.

Tuesday – May 11th, 1852

Delightful fine day. Had a meeting at 10 o'clock. Mustered at 8 o'clock. I organized my co. with all the officers required. (James Ferguson, Adjutant General) inspected the arms. Wilford Woodroof, Orson Pratt and Heber C. Kimball preached. Had another meeting at 4 o'clock in Bros. Ross's house of the brethren only, for the purpose of organizing an Iron Company. Richard Harrison was appointed to superintend the management of the Iron Works and Henry Lunt clerk. Other Brethren were appointed to manage the different departments. The Brass band played considerable in the evening.

Wednesday – May 12th, 1852

The morning fine. Brigham Young and Company left for Parowan. I went with them, road in Bro. Brigham's waggon. Rather showery on our way. Arrived at Parowan about one o'clock. I dined with Bishop Robinson. Meeting in the Council house at 4 o'clock. Parowan and Cedar Cities were organized into one Stake of Zion. Also a Presidency over the same. John Calvin L. Smith, President. John Steel, 1st Councillor, Henry Lunt, 2nd Councillor. The above named presidency were ordained to their office and also High Priests. A high Council was also organized. Philip Smith was ordained Bishop for Cedar City. James Furguson read an epistle from Brigham Young and Heber C. Kimble. The meeting was dismissed by Pres. J. C. S. Smith, I took supper with Bishop Groves. I then went to Doctor Morse's house and wrote a copy of the epistle, was one o'clock before I had finished. Bro. John Kay, Profsr. Carrington, Barney Ward and several others came in from exploring, reported a very fine, large and extensive valley; also that they had discovered that there were Spaniards digging Silver in the mountains. A Ball was held in the council house in the evening.

Thursday – May 13th, 1852

Fine morning, took a walk with Bro. Whittaker in the field before breakfast, had breakfast with Bishop Groves. Brigham and Co. started for the great Salt Lake valley. I left with Bro. Bateman in his waggon together with Father Whittaker and Peter Shirts, arrived at Cedar City at one-half past 10 A.M. I called a meeting of the brethren in the evening at Bros. Ross's house, to attend unto business matters. I submitted the business meetings into the hands of the Bishop (Bros. Smith). I addressed the brethren on being united, and urged them to enclose the field and finish the water ditches as a work to be done preparatory to commencing the Iron business. I enquired of the brethren if they were willing to sustain and uphold me by their faith and prayers and abide by my

councils. Every person manifested that they would by raising their right hand. Bishop Smith chose Br. Hulse and Father Whittaker for his councillors and ordained them.

Sunday – May 16th, 1852

Delightful fine day. Morning meeting commenced at 11 o'clock. There was a very good attendance and an excellent Spirit prevailed. The choir sung most beautifully, for the first time they played their music, which consisted of a Ophaclyde Clarinett and Flute; the singing seemed to have the spirit and the understanding also. The meeting was dismissed at ½ past 12. Met again at 2 o'clock. Instructed the brethren to be punctual in their meetings and that in future, two signals would be given, one at ½ past ten for the people to prepare and the other 5 minutes to eleven, and the meeting to commence precisely at 11 o'clock. And again the horn would be sounded at 10 minutes before two and the meeting for to commence precisely at two. The sacrament for to be administered every Sunday afternoon by the Bishop. Had a business meeting at the close of the afternoon meeting, considerable business was transacted. I instructed the brethren to suspend with watering on the Sabbath Day as we had abundance of water, and not only so, but I did not like for to see saints work on Sundays.

Saturday – May 22nd, 1852

Warm day. Thunder and rain on the mountains. Bishop Smith called the men out to work on Public works at fixing up water ditches, etc. There were but about six volunteered of which I was one. We finished about one P.M. The water broke out of the upper ditch, and came across my lot, and I spent some of the afternoon in watering my wheat. I afterwards went to Bro. Bladon and had a very long chat with him on Iron Works, gave him some encouragement in going ahead. Br. John Calvin S. Smith and John Steel came down from Parowan. Supped with me and slept in my bed. Bishop Lewis also came with Father Bateman.

Sunday – May 23rd, 1852

Very warm day. Thunder storms on the mountains. Myself, J. C. L. Smith, John Steel and Bishop Lewis took a walk towards the mountains to water the horses. We sat down under a cedar tree and a good deal of most excellent talk. Attended meeting at 11 o'clock in Bro. Ross's house. Punctual attendance. Pres. John C. L. Smith and John Steel addressed the congregation. Counseled the Brethren to stay putting in any more grain; to take care of what was in, and other good instructions. Prest. J. C. L. Smith called a meeting of the High Council together with the Bishop and his Council to meet at my house immediately after meeting, which was done. Prest. Smith opened the meeting by prayer. Afterwards informed the council that he had received instructions from Prest. G. A. Smith to organize the High Counselors in Parowan into a quorum with Prest. J. C. L. Smith at their head, and also to organize the High Councillors with the Bishop and his council in this place into a quorum, with Henry Lunt at their head as President. Some business was transacted by the council. Meeting commenced again at ½ past two

P.M. The sacrament was administered. Presidents Smith, Steel and Lunt addressed the congregation. Bro. Carruthers also spoke a little, said that he had not felt very well in feelings since the council meeting, but that he then felt first rate and had good feelings towards all men, and that it was his desire to do all he could for the building up of Gods Kingdom and was on hand all the time for to do anything that the authorities might call him to do. The council met again in Bro. Harrison's house, all the brethren of the council were united before we parted, and a good spirit was with each of us. Prest. Smith had supper with me, and him and John Steel stayed all night with us.

Tuesday – May 25th, 1852

Delightful fine day. The High Council came together in bro Whittakers house about eight oclock. The meeting was opened by prayer by myself. I then addressed the council, told them that I felt the spirit of my office to rest upon me. There was a great responsibility resting upon this council and it was necessary that we should be united as one man, to transact business in a right way, and lead this people right, and to put down all wickedness. We have got to set a good example ourselves, and be as Fathers to this people. We have considerable business to transact but before we commence on considering any items of business, I want this qourum to be united and feel a oneness of spirit, for it is impossible for us to do any good in any business that we do transact unless we are one; The reason I say this is because I feel that there are hard feelings existing between brethren in this council at the present time, and it is in Consequence of bro Carruthers ploughing yesterday with two Teams right in opposition to Council given on Sunday by the Presidency, not only thereby breaking council but setting a bad example to the whole of the brethren, in consequence of which this Council cannot feel well towards bro Carruthers in so doing. Bro Carruthers said he was doing according to council and he did not fear any thing for he knew he was doing right, and he insisted of the coulcil to release him for a while until he could come round and feel better than what he did at the present time, he considered that the Council was bouncing upon him too much. I said that if we release bro Carruthers from this council I believe he would never return, therefore I did not feel like releasing bro Carruthers, but that he could shortly be convinced that he was moved upon by a [w]rong spirit. Considerable was said to bro Carruthers by the council, and finally he humbled himself and said he was very glad that he did not leave us for he now felt good and was willing to be one of us and took each of the brethren by the hand, and asked forgiveness, and said that he was on hand to do what ever I required of him and that he had a good knowledge of the Iron and Coal business. It caused my heart to rejoice to see bro Carruthers humble himself and manifest a good spirit. May he ever retain it, and be one with the people of God. I then told the brethren that we would unite in prayer before the Lord, and instructed them to form themselves in a circle according to their age, the Oldest man first and so on unto the youngest. After prayer we transacted several items of business, and I dismissed the Council by prayer at 2 P.M. Afternoon, I went to water my wheat but I felt so fatieged and tired that I was obliged to come home and lay myself down on my bed. I instructed the Bishop to call a

meeting in the Evening for the purpose of laying some business before the people, it was accordingly done. I urged the fence round the big field, for to be completed so as the Iron Co. could commence on the Iron works. The people generally appeared to be selfish and disunited I felt that the powers of the Evil one was strongly against me and my Coucil. The meeting dispersed and I retired to my waggon and went to prayer before the Lord. Creek still rising.

Wednesday – May 26th, 1852

Very hot day. Thunder on the mountains. Creek still rising. I looked around today to see what all the brethren in camp were doing. I found them all very busy, some ploughing, some planting seeds, some building houses and but three putting up fence. I just felt that the devil had had his way long enough over this mission, and I was determined by the help of the Lord to stop it, and start the Iron works, the mission for which this people were sent to this place for. I took Bro. Walker with me and went to see Harrison, found him putting his fence up, we assisted him in finishing his fence, and also put up a piece for Bro. Cartwright. I then took a walk around the field, and found some 60 rod of fencing to be put up, besides some 200 rod of ditching. I told Bro. Harrison to go ahead right in the morning at the Iron business and I would put up all the fence myself. It is no use putting the thing off any longer. The devil seems determined to keep the thing back and I am determined he shall not any longer. Bro. Harrison raised some objections, said that it was counsel for to finish the fence round the field first. And I said, I know that, but who is there at work now at the fence? Scarce anyone. And I said the Iron Works have got to be started, and that right off, and said unto you Bro. Harrison go right at it in the morning, and the Lord will bless you. I said much more to Bro. Harrison, exhorting him to push the Iron works, which I do not write. In the evening, I called a meeting in the center of the Fort, and said unto the brethren: Brethren the field is not yet enclosed and there is no one doing anything at the fence save what has been done by myself and a few others. If we are to wait until that fence is finished, before the Iron works are commenced, it will be months gone first. I say in the name of the Lord go and commence in the Iron business in the morning, and not let the sun set again before you have made a start. I will put up the fence myself, and take it altogether in my own hands. I release you all that have given your names in to work at the Iron business from fencing; I will finish up all the fence before me, not asking whose it is, or if I shall ever be paid for it. You are now in the hands of Bro. Harrison and he will superintend the business of the Iron works. Go and prosper, and may God bless you. Bro. Harrison then entered into some arrangements for the commencement of the Iron business. But not with such a determined spirit as I should have liked to have seen.

Thursday – May 27th, 1852

Very hot day. Thunder and rain on the mountains. Creek still rising. I was putting up fence round the Big Field assisted by two young men. My own fence in the big field has been up more than a month ago. Some 13 men out of about 30 commenced in the Iron

business, some preparing for the furnace, and some exploring for coal. Some men went and examined the coal that the brethren went to see that came with Brigham and reported that it was of no account.

Monday – June 21, 1852

Nearly all the folks in town went off to the Elk Horn Springs in waggons and carriages to hold a Picnic party. There were but very few left in camp. About 11 A.M. 10 Indians came to our house, and seemed rather saucy. I gave them a smoke and a piece of bread each. They then went round to the other houses. Sister Bladon gave them some bread and they threw it to the ground. A number of the Brethren came down from Parowan to work the road in the kanyon. There was a dance in the evening in Bro. Chatterley's house.

Tuesday – June 22nd 1852

I laboured at working the road up the Kanyon. About 30 hands were at work. A horse of Alex: Easton's was shot with an arrow.

Saturday – June 26th, 1852

Met at the Blacksmith's shop at seven a.m. I spoke to the brethren respecting their several duties, and exhorted them to be diligent and faithful in their mission and be humble and united. I told them that every man that was placed at the head of a branch of business should fill his place and that it was not the place of any one to find fault with another man's work. After about ½ hours deliberation things were settled and the brethren seemed united. Laboured on the iron works. Warm day.

Sunday – June 27th, 1852

Warm day. Meeting in Bro. Bosnells house at 11 o'clock A.M. Congregation was addressed by myself and Geo. Brimhall. Bros. Brimhall and Gould came in from Shirts', had been getting some Hearth stones; they brought with them a beautiful specimen of stone isinglass, which the Indians had brought in, said there was any quantity of it 2 sleeps off, large Rocks of it as large as a house. It will make beautiful window glass. I am thankful to my heavenly Father for making known unto us the hidden treasures of the mountains, that are so useful unto his Saints. Met again at 2 o'clock PM in Bro. Bosnell house. I preached a short discourse on the mission of making Iron. I then spent the remainder of the afternoon in writing letters. Wrote one to the Deseret News. One to Wm. Allen and one to James Bond.

Monday – June 28th, 1852

Warm day. Thunder and rain on the mountains. Tremendous windy in the evening. Bro. Wiley left for the Gt. Salt Lake Valley. Daniel and Alex: Ross and their sister also went and Evan Evans and his family. Bro. Wiley went for his wife, but the rest went contrary to council. I laboured on the Iron works. Lent Bro. Wiley my yoke of cattle. Laboured

late in the evening at hoeing potatoes, for I have no other time but nights and mornings for to do my own chores. Moved in Bro. Wiley's house until mine is built.

Tuesday – June 29th, 1852

Warm day. Windy. Laboured at blacksmithing for the Iron works. Made a very heavy Gudgeon for the water wheel. Worked all the iron up that we had on hand by noon. Myself and bro. Harrison visited Bro. Carruthers who lay on his bed with a lame foot, and asked him for some Iron for the iron works: he has two waggons and lot of old iron and he promised one of his waggons and all his old iron for the iron works at a council meeting held a short time since, but he now said that he had no iron to spare and he thought he should go to the Gt. Salt Lake Valley. I took the tire off my waggon and appropriated it to the iron works. It was a new waggon and the only one I had. May the Lord grant that I may at all time be willing to part with anything that he has placed in my possession for the building up of his Kingdom. Amen.

Thursday – July 1st, 1852

This day being appointed for a Fast day and prayer and thanksgiving. It was held sacred. Had a meeting at ½ past 10 A.M. Prest. J. C. L. Smith and John Steel and several other of the Parowan brethren were with us. They had been working up the kanyon. We had a first meeting the spirit of God was manifest with us. Thunder and rain on the mountains. The creek rose nearly 3 feet in the evening and was very muddy.

Friday – July 2nd, 1852

Laboured on the Iron works. Warm fine day. Strong South wind. 13 men were at work on the Iron works. John White, wife and family came in last evening from Gt. Salt Lake City. The Indians stole a cow and two calves from him, and wounded two others. He and his family came alone. A very thoughtless, foolish piece of business, for one man to come alone. He will learn better another time; very well it was no worse with him.

Friday – July 16th, 1852

I went up the kanyon with 9 men to finish working the road up to the coal. Tremendous thunder and lightning and heavy rain up the kanyon. Rained down in the valley tremendeous for about two hours, commenced about 11 o'clock. The water was 12 inches deep in some of the houses and cellars, in the Fort during the storm. Thanks be to God for such a delightful shower on this dry and thirsty land. Slept all night up in the kanyon under some brush. The ground being very wet, I did not have a very comfortable night's lodging.

Saturday – July 17th, 1852

Laboured at working the road in the kanyon. Brought a load of stone coal to the blacksmith's shop. Had a meeting of the Iron brethren at ½ past 4 in the evening, in the Blacksmith's shop. Some business pertaining to the rolling forth of the Iron business was transacted. Bro. Whipple arrived at Parowan on Wednesday 14th inst. from the Gt.

Salt Lake Valley with a mail. I received a letter from my brother Richard and a Paper from J. M. Bernisel, Washington, containing a Report of the census. Bro. James A. Little paid me a visit from Parowan. We spent a very happy evening together talking on principle and reading the Deseret News, which showed us the signs of the times.

Sunday – July 18th, 1852

Pleasant warm day. Meeting in the morning at 10 o'clock. Bro. Little and Bro. Joel A. Johnson addressed the meeting. I made a few closing remarks. Held a council meeting at my house after mornings meeting. Had an excellent meeting in the afternoon. I read a letter to the Congregation which I had received from my Brother Richard. Took a walk in the field in the evening with my wife and Mother and Father Whittaker. My heart did rejoice exceedingly to see how beautiful and excellent the crops did look. They are the best I have ever yet seen in the mountains. My own wheat in particular I think looks the best in the field. Thank God for blessing the labour of my hands.

Tuesday – July 20th, 1852

Very close and warm during the morning. About 2 o'clock it thundered tremendously and rained for about ½ an hour. There was tremendous storms on the mountains. A cloud bursted on a mountain up the kanyon and rose the creek 3 feet at once, bringing down with a tremendous rush a great quantity of logs, and rubbish and mud, for about one hour the mud kept rolling down the creek as thick as mush. The two dams that were in the creek for taking the water to the field and Fort were both entirely swept away, and an immense quantity of wood drifted up the mouth of the ditches. I laboured on the Iron works. I am this day 28 years of age. I thank the Lord, my Heavenly Father, that he has spared my life another twelve months and preserved me from all sickness and accident. I pray that he may continue to bless me with the like blessings.

Friday – July 23rd 1852

Myself and wife in company with a number of the brethren and sisters started for Parowan about nine o'clock. There were some 10 carriages and several brethren on horse back. I and my wife rode in bro. Geo. Wood's carriage. We arrived at Summit Creek about 12 A.M., stayed about one and half hour, then resumed our journey, were met about 4 miles from Parowan by a number of the brethren on horseback and also a carriage full; when they met us, they gave three cheers in which we all joined cheerfully; they then escorted us to the City. We had two Flags with us which hoisted all the way, one was the Bishops with the following motto on, "Holiness to the Lord", Bee hive and a sheaf of wheat and a Battle Ax and spear on the top of the flag staff; we arrived at Parowan about 4 o'clock when the Flag was waving with it[s] beautiful star[s] and stripes from the top of the Liberty Pole. Bro. John D. Lee and Geo. Brimhall stood by the Liberty Pole with their hats off, bowing as we passed. We marched all around the Fort, and then formed a circle round the Liberty Pole and gave three cheers. Bro. Geo. Brimhall then read over the names of brethren where each family would be entertained.

I and my wife stayed with Dr. Morse, where we were treated with every love and kindness that characterizes a saint and handmaiden of the Lord. About six o'clock the Trumpet was blown for to assemble in the Council House. The meeting was opened by Prayer by Prest. J. C. L. Smith and dancing commenced which was continued until about 1 P.M.

Saturday – July 24th, 1852

Celebration of the 5th Anniversary of the 24th of July. At five o'clock A.M. the inhabitants of Parowan were aroused from their slumber by the roaring of artillery. At six o'clock the Battalion Paraded on Artillery Square under the command of Lieut. Col. James A. Little, and fired a number of rounds of small arms. The whole of people formed a procession on Artillery Square at ½ past eight, arranged in order by the Committee of Arrangements. The procession then marched to the house of the President J. C. L. Smith and escorted him, John Steel and myself (who constituted the Presidency) to the Council house, as we joined the Procession we took off our hats and gave three cheers accompanied by the whole of the people. We then marched into the council house. The congregation was called to order by John D. Lee, Chairman of the committee of arrangements, and the choir sung "The Mountain Standard." A beautiful and appropriate prayer was offered up by the chaplain E. F. Groves. The choir then sang "Come, Come Ye Saints." Bro. Edson C. Whipple then delivered an oration, appropriate for the occasion. J. C. L. Smith, John Steel and myself each delivered a speech on the occasion. After which a number of toasts were read. William Bateman and Richard Benson sung a song composed by John Steel for the Iron mongers of Iron County. The meeting was then dismissed by Bro. John Steel. I and my wife dined at Bro. John D. Lee's, also J. C. L. Smith, John Steel and several others with their ladies were invited. Bro. Lee killed a fat sheep for the dinner. The rich bounties of the valley filled the table with a most sumptuous dinner. May God bless Bro. Lee and his family forever amen. At two o'clock the Trumpet sounded for to meet again in the Council house. I opened the meeting by Prayer, and dancing commenced in which the ladies participated largely. The room was well filled and made a very lively appearance; the different colours of the dresses of the sisters, and health and cheerfulness blooming in every countenance. The dancing was continued until 12 o'clock; a number of songs and comic pieces were performed during the evenings enjoyment. Excellent order prevailed throughout the day and much honour is due to the Committee of Arrangements. After the choir sung the Mountain Standard, five cheers were given led by the Presidency, Hosannah to God and the Lamb forever Amen.

Tuesday – July 27, 1852

Very hot day. Thunder and rain on the mountains. Cradled my barley. About a doz. Indians came on Saturday and camped in the cedars west of the Fort. They are there still. Traded a butcher knife and a piece of bread for a buckskin myself and Bishop Smith visited the Indians at their wickiup. They all appeared very friendly. The old

chief charged his pipe and I smoked the pipe of Peace with him. There were 12 Indian men and three squaws. The brethren hauled a load of Iron ore.

Thursday – July 29th, 1852

Laboured on the Iron works until noon. Thunder storm commenced at ½ past one o'clock. Rained very heavy for about one hour and a half. Spent the afternoon in reading, "Priesthood by Winchester." A cloud bursted on the mountains east of the fort and rose the creek some five feet. Swept both dams away in the creek. Bro. Slack came to me for to administer unto him. By the laying on of hands, as he was sick, I did so, and he stayed some time chatting with me. Bro. George Wood was very sick yesterday, swollen face and fever. I administered unto him and today he is much better, the fever all left him. I recommended him to take some "Sage Tea." Bro. Shirts called on me, told me he was badly off for a shirt. I let him have one of my best shirts and he gave me some salt.

Tuesday – August 3rd, 1852

Laboured on the Iron works. Fine day. Gave some good instruction to Bro. Whittaker's family in the evening.

Wednesday – August 4th, 1852

Laboured on the Iron works. Bro. John D. Lee came from Parowan, brought me a note from Pres. Smith inviting the members of the High Council to be at Parowan on Saturday to attend a trial at one o'clock. In the evening Bro. John White and his two wives were before the Bishop for to settle difficulties as they could not agree together. After hearing considerable said on each side; I asked the priviledge of making a few remarks, which was granted. I told the women and also Bro. White it was all a trick of the devil, and all these little faults arose from jealousy. I spoke on the principle of a man having more than one wife, and his duty, and also the duty of the wives to their husband and also to one another. The Lord blessed me with his holy spirit and caused the parties to see their error and repent. Praised be the name of the Lord for his condescention and loving kindness to his saints.

Thursday – August 5, 1852

Fine day. Being the day appointed for Fast and Thanksgiving, I invited all the brethren and sisters in Fort to observe it, and keep it holy. Had a meeting at ½ past 10 A.M. There was a good attendance. I made some remarks to open the meeting, and invited the brethren to speak as they felt, and if they had anything against one another, for to free their minds, and get good feelings one towards another, previous to partaking of the Sacrament on Sunday next. Bro. Carruthers then spoke at considerable length and manifested a very bad spirit; finding fault with me and several other brethren. Several other brethren afterwards spoke and I dismissed the meeting for one hour. Met again at 3 o'clock P.M. The spirit of the Lord was with me and after singing and prayer I arose and spoke such words as the Spirit of God dictated to me, and after speaking for about

one hour and a half, I sat down. Bro. Carruthers then rose and acknowledged his faults, and said he was sure that I had spoken by the Good spirit, and he felt satisfied, and for to be in peace with all. It caused my condecension in granting me his holy spirit and causing me to overcome the powers of darkness. It was moved and seconded by the brethren and carried unanimously that I be exempt from herding. It caused the flood gates of my heart to burst open with joy to my Heavenly Father for the good spirit that the brethren manifested. May they be blessed, and all that pertaineth unto them, and be humble and faithful that they may enjoy the good and peaceable spirit of God, is my prayer for Christs' sake Amen. (Myself and wife took supper with bro. and sister Whittaker. I and bro. Whittaker took a walk in the field in the evening. Could not refrain from talking of the goodness of the Lord, when seeing the extraordinary crops that the Lord has blessed us with. Praised be his name forever, amen.)

Wednesday – August 18, 1852

Fine day. Very windy. Cradling and binding wheat for Bro. Cartwright, so that he might do the Blacksmithing for the Iron works.

Friday – August 20th, 1852

Laboured with bro. Whittaker harvesting until about 3 o'clock. Bro. Whittaker and James then helped me harvesting Bro. Cartwright's wheat. Fine day but very windy. Bought two hares of the Indians. Gave one to Bro. Whittaker.

Sunday – August 22nd, 1852

Meeting at 11 o'clock. Was very much impressed upon in my mind to speak on the mission we were engaged in at this place; namely, the making of Iron. Read the epistle that the Presidency left with us when on his visit to Iron County. I then spoke on the necessity of continuing on the iron works, so as to get the trial made before Conference. Told the brethren that the only way we could surmount the immense amount of labour that was before us was to carry out a spirit of oneness, let every stand but harvesting the wheat and the Iron works. Bros. Harrison also spoke on the same subject. The council met at my house at one o'clock. Babtized William Gough, Sixtus Johnson and Seth Johnson, and confirmed them. Also ordained Sixtus Johnson to the office of an Elder. Instructed the brethren to tarry for a short time after meeting to make some arrangements for to continue the iron works and to harvest the wheat. Harvey Dunton came down from Parowan for to help harvest the grain; he said he wished clothing for pay. I told him I would give him a good shirt if he would work for bro. Cartwright in harvesting his wheat as I wanted for bro. Cartwright to continue the blacksmithing for the iron works. Arrangements were entered into for to continue on the Iron works and harvest the grain.

Friday – September 3rd, 1852

Cradling wheat for bro. Slack in the morning. In the afternoon repairing the road in the field, and watering potatoes, corn and turnips. Made a trade with Bro. Carruthers for his

house and lot and 20 acres of land. Garden and all its contents, a lot of corn, a lot of hay, a lot of lumber, and a lot of potatoes for two yoke of cattle.

Sunday – Sept. 5th, 1852

Attended meeting in the morning and afternoon Bro. Shirts and Geo. Shirts took dinner with me. John and David Hunter were Babtized in the evening, also Agnes and Elizabeth Easton. There were eighteen Pihede Indians also came forward for babtism and one boy which were all babtized and confirmed. The sight was an imposing one. It caused my heart to be filled with joy. I administered to Father Stoddart by administering oil to him and laying on of hands. Bro. Carruthers came to my house and had a chat with me, said he would not go to California this fall, asked me if I would let him have his property back. I told him I would and he thanked me.

Wednesday – Sept. 29, 1852

Labored on the Iron works. Commenced chargeing the Furnace and put on the Blast about noon. Laboured most of the night. The Machinery worked most Excellent.

Thursday – Sept. 30th, 1852

Laboured on the iron works. Commenced charging the furnace and put on the blast about noon. Laboured most of the night. The machinery worked most excellent. Taped the furnace about six o'clock A.M. The metal run out and we all gave three hearty cheers. When the mettle was cold on examination it was not found to be so good as might be wished and also of a very peculiar appearance. This was attributed to so much sulphur being in the Stone Coal. President J . C . L. Smith visted me in the evening, took supper with me; walked with him up to the iron works. Called a meeting in the evening. Pres. Smith attended. The brethren expressed their oppinion on the Trial of the Iron Ore, there faith seemed to be generally very good as regards the quality of the ore. I told them that Pres. Young had sent for Bro. Harrison and bro. Bladon and it was right that they should go back immediately. I understood that Geo. Wood and Bishop Smith also were going and Bro. Cartwright. I counseled bro. Cartwright to stay as we should be entirely without a blacksmith if he went and further that it was not needed for so many to go as there had four men left lately for the Gt. Salt Lake, and our number here was very small. Pres. Smith spoke a short time, exhorted the brethren to faithfulness and diligence. Closed the meeting a good spirit was manifest. Benediction by Pres. Smith.

Friday – October 1st, 1852

Stormy day. Snow fell about two inches. Was obliged to stay in the house most of the day on account of my having no shoes or boots to wade in the snow and mud. I would here remark that I have suffered much for the last two years for the want of shoes and every day clothing, and I feel thankful to my Heavenly Father that I am thought worthy to suffer with the people of God. Bros. Harrison, Bladon, Smith, Cartwright and G. Wood started for the Gt. Salt Lake City. Spent most of the day in reading the Book of Mormon.

Saturday – October 2nd, 1852

Laboured during the morning in straightening up about the iron works. Commenced in the afternoon taking up the pickets for to prepare for to build me a house. Sharp frost.

Monday – October 18th, 1852

Fine day. Mowed hay in the meadow. Windy day. A fire broke out on the meadow from a little fire that was made on Saturday by Br. Keir lighting his pipe. It burned the grass very furiously. The wind was very high and it increased so rapidly that it appeared as though it would soon burn the whole of the hay in the meadow. There was a large stack belonging to Bro. Bosnell and also several other small stacks of hay in the meadow. The fire was progressing rapidly towards Bro. Bosnell's stack. I fell on my knees and asked my Heavenly Father to cause that the fire might stay its raging and destruction. Immediately on my rising up the fire seemed to stay its raging and by my exertions for about two hours, I succeeded in putting the whole of it out. I then fell on my knees and returned thanks to the Lord for answering my prayer. On my way home I met Pres. J. C. L. Smith. He was going to the meadow for a load of hay. He told me that they had baptised 58 Indians yesterday at Parowan. It caused my heart to rejoice to hear of the Lamanities embracing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Father Whittaker used my cattle ½ day.

Tuesday – October 26th, 1852

Very stormy morning. Rained heavy for several hours before daylight. At day light the ground was white over with snow, but it soon disappeared. Continued storming most of the day. I stayed in the house reading the Deseret News and cutting squash and pumpkins. I could not go out with any comfort as I have nothing but an old pair of mockasons for to put on my feet. I am now living with my Father-in-law and am very thankful that I am so comfortable. Father Whittaker bought me two red flannel shirts from the store at Parowan and said I could pay him for them when I had the money and he would trust me until then. I am very thankful to him for them, and may the Lord reward him for his goodness. Father Whittaker's sow brought 10 little ones. Sister Mary Easton sent for me to visit her this afternoon. I did so. She told me she felt low in spirits. Her husband has been absent some time at the Gt. Salt Lake City. She was delivered of a very fine son on Thursday last. I spent about two hours with her, and when I left she said she felt very much better and would take the council I gave her. May God bless her and comfort her heart.

Wednesday – October 27, 1852

Fine day. Sharp frost. Dug up my carrots, onions and beets. George A. Smith, J. C. L. Smith, Bishop Lewis and W. H. Dame and Father Gould came down from Parowan about 4 o'clock P.M. I was happy to see them. Went with Bro. G. A. Smith and the other brethren up to the Iron works and to look out a sight for a city. Spent the evening in having a meeting in Bro. Bosnell's house. Bro. G. A. Smith preached a most excellent

sermon. Requested those brethren who intended to build this fall on the New City plot, to give their name into me.

Thursday – October 28th, 1852

Bros. G. A. Smith, J. C. L. Smith and W. H. Dame had breakfast with me. Spent the morning in council with G. A. Smith. Dined at Bro. Chatterleys with G. A. Smith. Bro. G. A. Smith said he should leave it to me and the bishop to give out the lots in the city. Spent the afternoon in my garden. Spent the afternoon in digging up roots in the garden.

Saturday – October 30th, 1852

Fine day. Very sharp white frost. Most of the brethren busily engaged in digging potatoes. Laboured about home. Payed in my tithing to the Bishop of some things which I had dug up. I had 30 bushels of potatoes and I paid 4 bushels for tithing. 4 bushels of turnips and I paid 1 bushel. 100 beets and I paid 10 of the largest, which measured one bushel, what I had altogether would be about 4 bushels. I also paid 1 dozen largest carrots and 1 dozen of large onions. I am truly thankful to my heavenly father for the good things of this life which he has given me in such abundance. Left home about 3 P.M. for Parowan. Bro. Chatterley lent me a poney. Spent the evening with bro. G. A. Smith in council. Charles Dolton had Sarah Jane Lee sealed to him by bro. G. A. Smith, I was present also J. C. L. Smith as witnesses. Bro. G. A. Smith gave some excellent instructions, which caused my soul to rejoice, it was a treat to me for to be present, being the first time I ever saw the ceremony of sealing a woman to a man. Had supper with bro. G. A. S. and slept at J. C. L. Smith's.

Monday – November 1st, 1852

Spent part of the morning in writing my journal and waiting upon the brethren as they called upon me for council. The following persons came in last evening. David Cook, wife and 6 children. Water Muir, Wife and daughter. David Muir and Thomas Muir and wife. They appeared to be in good spirits and thankful that they had safely arrived in the Valley's of the Mountains. Fine day. My health was not very good today, was troubled with the dierea. Took a walk and looked at the lot I had selected on the plot for the City. Found that it was rather broken, having a hollow running through it and some large rocks on it. I was well satisfied with it, knowing that no one would envy me of it and could not say that I had chosen one of the best lots. I thank my heavenly Father that I have the priviledge of having an inheritance in one of the Cities that are to be built up unto the Lord. Bro. Shirts showed me a sample of iron ore, which in my judgment was the best that I have yet seen. Found it some fourteen miles south west of the Fort. Bro. Smith calsigned a small piece and a small piece of pure iron was discovered in it.

Tuesday – November 2, 1852

Fine day. My hea[l]th this morning was much better assisted Father Whittaker and James in threshing my wheat. Bro Adams wife and 5 children came in in the Evening.

Bro George Wood brought me the Mail from Parowan, came in on Monday from G. S. L. City by the Elders who had arrived there, on their way for the Pacific for to Sail for their respective fields of Labour. Bro Wood informed me that the Missionaries would be down here tomorrow and would stay two days and enjoy themselves with us and preach to us before they resumed their journey. I stayed up rather late, indulging myself in reading the written word of God as contained in the Deseret News.

Thursday – November 4, 1852

Snowed a little at times during the day, very cold north wind. Hawled 500 dobies for to build a chimney and gave them for that purpose. The ground was very whet and I could not well go out, I wrote a letter in the afternoon to my brother, Thomas.

Friday – November 5th, 1852

Snowed a little, Fine day. Laboured at threshing. About 3 o'clock in the afternoon 38 of the brethren who were going on missions came in and formed their waggons in a line in the Fort near to my Father-in-law's house, where I live. Had several of the brethren to supper and fed about 6 of their horses and mules. There were 15 waggons. We had a meeting in our meeting house in the evening and 9 of the brethren spoke and bore their testimonies and the spirit of God rested powerfully down upon them. It was a great treat for me to enjoy their society. I told them I should like for to give them a public dinner but had not a room large enough for the purpose. I invited all the citizens to take in the brethren into their houses and feed them and make them comfortable and also feed their animals and take care of them and I also wished for all the brethren to keep tomorrow a holliday and spend it to the Lord, have meetings and enjoy themselves.

Saturday – November 6, 1852

A very beautiful fine day. Took a walk with the brethren up to the Iron works and also on the city plot. The brethren were delighted with the location. Met together in the afternoon in the meeting house. Had prayer, preaching, dancing and singing. Enjoyed ourselves first rate. I took charge of the whole affair myself, and nothing but good order and the spirit of God prevaded the whole of the enjoyments. Thank God that we are free, that we can enjoy ourselves, and there is no one to molest or make afraid.

Sunday – November 7, 1852

Fine delightful day. Meeting at 10 oclock. Several of the brethren addressed the congregation. Bro G. A. Smith, Bishop Robinson, Father Groves and several other brethren came down from Parowan about Eleven oclock. Bro and sister Robinson had dinner with me. Met again in the afternoon at two oclock, meeting house densly crowded. Sacrament administered. Bro G. A. Smith and several of the missionaries addressed the congregation. Met again at ½ past 6 oclock. Bro G A Smith preached a lengthy discour[se] addressed himself mostly to the missionaries, gave them some most excellent instructions. Propheseyed that they would learn the languages where they were

going quicker than any Saints ever had done before, and that they should do a great work, and many of them should stand before Kings and the great men of the Earth. The spirit of God seemed to fill the house, and truly we had a good time.

Thursday – November 11, 1852

Fine day. Twelve months since this day since I first came down to this place with eleven waggons for to commence a settlement. Was then a wilde desert, but now a fruitful field. The work that has been accomplished at this place for the last year is a myracle, by the small number of men, not much more than thirty. We now number about 60. Commemorated the day by having a Ball in the evening; some splendid speeches on the occasion. Good order prevailed and we enjoyed ourselves very much.

Wednesday – December 1, 1852

Storming most of the morning. Was appointed on a committee last evening with some ½ doz. more to adopt prices for wages for labour, grain, mechanics, etc. Met in the Blacksmith shop at the Iron works about 12. John C. L. Smith was appointed chairman and Henry Lunt, Secretary. The following prices were agreed upon as a mediam. Not regarding them in all cases as unalterable. Common Labour 1¼ dollar per day. Carpenters 2 to 2½. Millwrights, etc. 2 to 2½. Masons 2½. Setting dobies 25 cents per 100. Tenders one third less. Blacksmith 2½. Moulders 2½. Furnace keepers 3½. Feeder 2½. Assistant Keeper 2½. For a team and waggon 1¼. Adobies 50 cents per hundred. Wheat 1¼ per bushell. Oats 45 cents. Potatoes 75. Turnips 40. Shelled corn \$1¼. Beets, carrots and Parsnips 75 cents per bushel. Beef alive 6 cents. 6 & 8 cents per quarter. Killed cows \$25 per head. Oxen 60 to 80 dollars per yoke. Lumber \$2½ per hundred. Sat in council and writing until 4 o'clock in the morning.

Thursday – December 2, 1852

Fine day. Snow melting fast. Made the ground very mirery. Counciling and writing all morning with bro. Snow and Richards. Commenced bookkeeping in the new books for the Deseret Iron Company. Br. Snow and Richards left for Gt. Salt Lake City. Bro. Richards blest me with great blessings and I pray my heavenly father that I may live in such a manner as to cause that every word may be fulfilled upon my head. They have done much good while in our midst and may God bless them forever amen.

Friday – December 3, 1852

Very fine day. Snow nearly all gone. Very muddy. Bro. Wiley and Joseph Clews worked on my house. Father Whittaker and John Chatterley attended them. I was busy most of the day writing and making contracts with brethren for the Iron works. Joseph Clews came in the evening and bid me a horse and \$50 in cash for my yoke of cattle, and I made a trade with him accordingly. Gave a dance in the evening in the school house to all the little boys and girls. I attended and gave them an address appropriate.

Sunday – December 5th, 1852

Fine day. It was ½ past 11 A.M. before meeting commenced account of the Bishop not ringing the bell sooner. I organized the time for to attend meetings, by appointing the morning meeting to commence precisely at 10 A.M. and the afternoon meeting at 2 P.M. James Whittaker to ring the bell 10 minutes before the time. Met again in the afternoon.

Monday – December 6th, 1852

Went to the waters of babtism with some 20 of my brethren. Bro. Richard Harrison administered unto me, and then I administered unto him and several others afterwards. Those that had been babtised, administered unto the others until they were all babtised. It was a very sharp frost and the water was excessively cold.

Tuesday – December 7th, 1852

Bro. Lyman Rich and Co. started on their way for Gt. Salt Lake City about 10 A.M. Some 4 brothers stayed until three o'clock, took dinner with us. Night school commenced this evening for the brethren and sisters. Bro. Carruthers, teacher.

Wednesday – December 8th, 1852

Fine day. Stormy on the mountains in the afternoon. Snowed a little in the evening. J. C. L. Smith came down in the evening, brought some of the goods with him belonging to Snow and Richards. We hired a room of Bro. Bosnell's for to put the goods in and we fetched the remainder of them from Bro. Bullick's house and Bros. James Easton's. Bro. Bullock returned from the Gt. Salt Lake City on Sunday and James Easton on Monday last. They reported that the snow was 2 to 3 feet deep at Fillmore and that they had had great difficulty in getting along, and that their cattle had suffered much. Myself and Bro. J. C. L. Smith stayed up until about one o'clock marking off the goods.

Thursday – December 9, 1852

Was very busily engaged all the day with J.C. L. Smith selling off the goods. There were about five hundred dollars worth at the valley prices, although there were but few goods for that amount, and for to be devided amongst so many, added greatly to the comfort of many of the needy brethren and sisters and for which I feel very thankful to my father in heaven for two pair of boots and a few other things which I greatly needed.

Friday – Dec. 10th, 1852

Fine day. Spent most of the day in looking out a place in the creek for getting the water out to the wheel for blowing the blast furnace. Brother Geo. Wood work out ten dollars for me on my house for bro. Joel H. Johnson. Bro. Walker and George and Joseph Hunter worked for me a day each and also Bro. Adshead and Bro. Keir worked for me a day each. Bro. Pugmire made me some fastenings for my door and gave them unto me. I feel truly grateful to the brethren for their kindness.

Sunday – December 12, 1852

Delightful fine day. Very sharp frost. Meeting at 10 o'clock. Bro. Carruthers preached a very interesting discourse. I also made some closing remarks. Meeting again in the afternoon, organized a Sunday School. Brother Bosnell, Superintendent of the Sunday School, for to commence at eight o'clock on Sunday morning, and for the afternoon to be devoted in schooling and for myself to preside over the same; invited all the young brethren and sisters to attend. Met again in the evening. Had a good meeting. Bro. Humphries spoke in tongues and Bro. Stones interpreted it. I stayed at home writing. Two of Bro. Lee's wives and his man, Bro. Thomas, and 4 children came from Parowan in the evening, on their way to Harmony, Washington County. They had supper with us and stayed all night.

Thursday – December 16th, 1852

Very severe frost. Very strong wind in the afternoon and evening. Spent the day in seeing to getting the iron works along. I would here remark that I feel a very heavy responsibility resting upon me in regard to the iron works and I pray my heavenly father that he will enable me by the aid of his holy spirit to discharge every duty with an eye single to his honour and glory. Amen.

Thursday – December 23rd, 1852

Tremendous, stormy night of wind, rain and snow from the south. Snow on the ground about 4 inches. Bro. John Hamilton and George Shirts came with a carriage and pair of horses for me and wife and a few others for to go to a party at Bro. Hamiltons. Myself, wife, James, Mary and Anne Chatterley went with them. Got to Bro. Hamilton's about 5 o'clock P.M. It was very cold and the mountains looked most beautiful and sublime, all white over with snow. Enjoyed a most excellent supper, afterwards enjoyed ourselves in dancing and talking, and speaking on principle. The party consisted merely of us, and Bro. and Sister Shirts. Snowed and stormed all night.

Friday – December 24th, 1852

Went up to the iron works. Attended the dinner party in the school house at 3 o'clock P.M. A very excellent dinner was provided and about 60 feasted thereof and perfect order was kept. After dinner was over there was an intermission until about ½ past five P.M. when the guests again assembled together in the school house and after singing and prayer, dancing commenced and together with songs, glees and pieces which were performed, the amusements continued until about 12 P.M. The choir then went about the Fort singing Christmas Songs which seranaded the town most beautifully. They then returned to the school house and partook of some refreshments and received some instructions and danced again until day light. The house was most beautifully decorated with evergreens interspersed with artifiical flowers and a number of pictures hung around the room.

Saturday – Christmas Day

Fine pleasant day, very sharp frost. Meeting at one o'clock P.M. I spoke some little on the birth day of Christ and the life he led, and how he came to redeem the world, followed by an excellent and appropriate discourse by Bishop Smith. Myself and wife dined with bro. and sister Walker and a small party. Had an excellent dinner of good roast beef and plumb pudding. About six o'clock the meeting house was crowded with brethren and sisters ready for dancing. My wife and I attended the party. After dancing a little while the room became so densely crowded that it was impossible for to dance with any degree of pleasure. In consequence of which I preached a little and called upon others to do so. I invited the brethren to make a contribution of provisions for to give to the Indians and take it to the Bishop. Bro. Humphries spoke in Tongues, and Br. Wilden gave the interpretation, to which the Lord had suffered the saints to be driven from the States and had placed them in the valleys of the mountains, amongst the Lamanites, and as the Lord had been merciful unto us we should be merciful and charitable unto these Indians. And also that it was necessary that in making a feast and dancing, we should all be united. After some time preaching the room became a little thined and we commenced dancing again. About 11 o'clock Br. Adshead interrupted the amusements by stamping the floor as he was dancing. I invited him to not make such a noise, but he continued worse, and I then stoped the dancing and reproved him severely and he insulted me by saying that he should do as he liked. But I told him he could not do that. In a short time the meeting was dismissed.

Sunday – December 26th, 1852

Stormy day. Had an excellent meeting attended the schooling in the afternoon and delivered a lecture on the duties of children and parents and education and speaking good English language. Attended meeting in the evening. Sister Henry was in labour and had been for some time the day before. She sent for me and I administered unto her twice and she was delivered about eight o'clock P.M. of a fine son. Praised be the Lord for his goodness unto her.

Monday – Dec. 27th, 1852

Very pleasant fine day. Slaughtered my beef ox and also one for bro. Chatterley. Also attended to the business of the Iron works. Gave the young people a dance in the school house. Joseph Clews presided and most excellent order was observed.

Tuesday – December 28th, 1852

Very pleasant fine day. Engaged about the iron works. I counceled the brethren on Christmas day to contribute some provisions for the Indians and hand it in to the Bishop. The brethren generally attended to it and there was considerable provisions given out to the Indians, who all assembled themselves near the Bishop's house, above twenty in number. They seemed to be thankful for the provisions, and many of them attended meeting and seemed very attentive.

Thursday – December 30th, 1852

Very fine warm day. No frost, remarkably muddy. Made another trial of the Iron ore at the Iron works in the cubulo. After a good trial for about 15 hours, there was no iron and it is the judgment of all that there is something in it that eats the iron away.

Attended prayer meeting in the evening, had a first rate good meeting. I read a Proclamation which Brigham had published in the Deseret News last year. Respecting the first day of the new year that it should be kept as a day of Praise and Thanksgiving unto the Lord. I instructed the brethren to observe it accordingly. I also invited them to give liberly of their abundance to the poor, so that they might rejoice with us and we would all rejoice together and be glad, and I promised them a dance to commence at 3 o'clock on that day. Bro. Geo. Wood expressed a desire to be rebaptised and wished for me to bapitise him tomorrow at 12 o'clock. Nephi Johnson, John Nelson and Margaret Easton (John Easton's wife) also requested to be rebaptized.

Friday – December 31st, 1852

Fine day. Very little frost, very muddy. Spent most of the morning at the Iron works. Bapitized Geo. Wood, John Nelson, Nephi Johnson and Margaret Easton about one o'clock. The water was remarkably cold. I never felt better over bapitising any person in my life than I did over bapitising the above persons; the spirit of the Lord seemed to rest upon us. I gave a good large piece of beef to the Bishop for the poor. I also gave a load of hay for his cattle. I chopped considerable wood in the evening for tomorrow so as not to have any more work to do tomorrow than I could avoid.